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SUBJECT: CAMBODIA--STUDENT PRISONERS HANGED

GOVERNMENT SECURITY OFFICIALS HAVE CONFIRMED TO THE US EMBASSY IN PHNOM PENH THAT FOUR YOUNG STUDENTS HANGED THEMSELVES OR WERE HANGED IN PRISON ON JANUARY 27. ACCORDING TO ONE OFFICIAL, THE FOUR WERE ARRESTED LATE LAST WEEK ON THE GROUNDS THAT THEY WERE THE "AGENTS" RESPONSIBLE FOR SPREADING RUMORS THAT KHMER COMMUNIST FORCES HAD ENTERED THE CITY. PRIME MINISTER LONG BOLET IS NOW TRYING TO FIND OUT IF THE STUDENTS DID INDEED COMMIT SUICIDE OR WERE KILLED BY THEIR JAILERS. NO MATTER WHAT HE DETERMINES, HOWEVER, THE INCIDENT COULD WELL SPARK SOME SERIOUS STUDENT UNREST IN THE CAPITAL.

State Department review completed

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